

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40. (canceled)

Claim 41. (currently amended) An information processor having a group of contents stored therein, comprising:

means for recording history data indicative of usage history of the group of contents and filtering data intended for computation of a weight per each of the contents;

means for computing a weight related to a number of checkouts per each of the contents ~~from based on both the history data based on and the filtering data~~; a checkout occurs when contents are copied from the information processor to a separate device in accordance with usage rule data which includes rules on the number of checkouts for each of the contents;

means for selecting a content from the group of contents based on the weight computed by the computing means; and

means for displaying a list of at least titles in the information related to the contents selected by the selecting means.

Claim 42. (original) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the computing means computes per each of the contents a weight about a period for which the content has been checked out.

Claim 43. (original) The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising means for adding new filtering data.

Claims 44-47. (canceled)

Claim 48. (currently amended) An information processor having a group of contents recorded therein, comprising:

means for recording usage history data indicative of usage history of the group of contents, related data about the group of contents and filtering data intended for computation of a weight per each the contents;

means for computing per each of the contents a weight related to a number of checkouts based on the usage history data and the related data, and recorded in the recording means based on the filtering data; a checkout occurs when contents are copied from the information processor to a separate device in accordance with usage rule data which includes rules on the number of checkouts for each of the contents;

means for selecting a content from the group of contents based on the weight computed by the computing means; and

means for displaying a list of at least titles in the information related to the contents selected by the selecting means.

Claim 49. (original) The apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the computing means computes per each of the contents a weight about a period for which the content has been checked out.

Claim 50. (original) The apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising means for adding new filtering data.

Claim 51. (original) The apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the computing means computes a weight related to the genre of the content.

Claim 52. (original) The apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the computing means computes a weight about a playing time of the content.

Claim 53. (currently amended) An information processing method carried out by an information processor having recorded therein a group of contents, usage history data indicative of usage history of the group of contents and filtering data intended for computing a weight per each of the contents, the method comprising steps of:

computing per each of the contents a weight related to a number of checkouts ~~from~~ based on both the usage history data ~~based on~~ and the filtering data; a checkout occurs when contents are copied from the information processor to a separate device in accordance with usage rule data which includes rules on the number of checkouts for each of the contents;

selecting a content from the group of contents based on the weight computed at the computing step; and

displaying a list of at least titles in the information related to the contents selected by the selecting step.

Claim 54. (original) The method according to claim 53, wherein the computing step computes per each of the contents a weight about a period for which the content has been checked out.

Claim 55. (currently amended) An information processing method carried out by an information processor having recorded therein a group of contents, history data indicative of usage history of the group of contents and filtering data intended for computing a weight per each of the contents, the method comprising steps of:

computing per each of the contents a weight related to a number of checkouts ~~from~~ based on the history data ~~and, the related data recorded based on,~~ and the filtering data; a checkout occurs when contents are copied from the information processor to a separate device in accordance with usage rule data which includes rules on the number of checkouts for each of the contents;

selecting a content from the group of contents based on the weight computed at the computing step; and

displaying a list of at least titles in the information related to the contents selected by the selecting step.

Claim 56. (original) The method according to claim 55, wherein the computing step computes per each of the contents a weight about a period for which the content has been checked out.

Claim 57. (original) The method according to claim 55, further comprising step for adding new filtering data.

Claim 58. (original) The method according to claim 55, wherein the computing step computes a weight related to the genre of the content.

Claim 59. (original) The method according to claim 55, wherein the computing step computes a weight about a playing time of the content.

Claim 60. (currently amended) A program storage medium having recorded therein an information processing program for use in an information processor having recorded therein a group of contents, usage history data indicative of usage history of the group of contents and filtering data intended for computing a weight per each of the contents, the program comprising steps of:

computing per each of the contents a weight related to a number of checkouts ~~from~~ based on both the usage history data-based on and the filtering data; a checkout occurs when contents are copied from the information processor to a separate device in accordance with usage rule data which includes rules on the number of checkouts for each of the contents;

selecting a content from the group of contents based on the weight computed at the computing step; and

displaying a list of at least titles in the information related to the contents selected by the selecting step.

Claim 61. (original) The medium according to claim 60, wherein the computing step computes per each of the contents a weight about a period for which the content has been checked out.

Claim 62. (currently amended) A program storage medium having recorded therein an information processing program for use in an information processor having recorded therein a group of contents, history data indicative of usage history of the group of contents and filtering data intended for computing a weight per each of the contents, the program comprising steps of:

computing per each of the contents a weight related to a number of checkouts ~~from~~ based on the history data ~~and, the related data recorded based on, and~~ the filtering data; a checkout occurs when contents are copied from the information processor to a separate device in accordance with usage rule data which includes rules on the number of checkouts for each of the contents;

selecting a content from the group of contents based on the weight computed at the computing step; and

displaying a list of at least titles in the information related to the contents selected by the selecting step.

Claim 63. (original) The medium according to claim 62, wherein the computing step computes per each of the contents a weight about a period for which the content has been checked out.

Claim 64. (original) The medium according to claim 62, further comprising step for adding new filtering data.

Claim 65. (original) The medium according to claim 62, wherein the computing step computes a weight related to the genre of the content.

Claim 66. (original) The medium according to claim 62, wherein the computing step computes a weight about a playing time of the content.